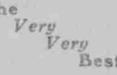


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C. H. Stearns Answers Criticism of Northfield News

Johnson, Vt., Dec. 8, 1814. To the Editor of the Morning Jour-

Will you kindly grant me the courtesy of space, in your columns for an open letter to the editor of the Northfield News? In his have of December 5 there appears this editor-

"Johnson, Vt., Nov. 26, 1910.
"Editor News! I shall much appreciate the Tayor II you will answer trankly the question appended You will ond enclosed a stamped envelupe for your reply.

1. Have you ever visited any of the Vermont normal schools during sessions, to observe their regular work? What ones? When? For how long visits?

Have you ever visited any of the training schools in connection with any of the Vermont normal schools to know their work? What over? When? For how long?

d. Have you ever observed the teaching of a graduate of a Vermont normal achool? Where? When For now long? Have you compared that work with that of untrained t ach-

4. Where else do you get information on those matters?

Sincerely yours. C. H. Stearns, Resident Commissione Johnson Normal School

The editor of the News acknowledges the receipt of the above letter. As there is nothing about it to indicommunication, but rather that it is a form sent to other editors of the state it is printed and replied to be Fire and Explosion in Colorado Coal

The News does not know why its editor should be placed under exam-

The News may answer the inquir- fourteen rales west of Denver ies of Mr. Stearns by saying that its | The fire started about 9 o'clock Wed editor has never visited any of the needay night, the result of an explos-State Normal schools. The News ion, and the timbering of the shaft knows of teachers who are state nor was ablaze to a moment, cutting off mal graduates that are doing exceed escape in that way.

ey weeths to be the burns for the dehaps a complete abeliable at of these these netive in, and in close touch with educational affairs are more compotent to judge of the matter than would be any layman upon a visit to one or all of these schools-or even resident commissioner possessed of commendable patriotism for his ome institutions.

To the Editor of the Northfield

In your editorial in the current issue of your paper you have done even more than I asked in reply questions which you quote and have made me correspondingly more your debtor. I wish to acknowledge the courtesy of your public reply with equal publicity. It was not my intention to ask a public statement and so seem to "place you under examination." My intent may best be shown by an anecdote.

The office boy, getting on the excursion steamer a little late, found all seats taken on the deck he preferred. So he said to those near by: 'Have you seen the whale? There's a big one tled to the dock and he's thrashing about like everything." No one paid any attention at first but he By and by a few went to see the whale. went. Everyone began to talk about it and soon all crowded to the other side. Then the boy picked out the best seat and took it to the choicest part of the deck. But no one came back. He wriggled uneasily and finally jumped up and ran to the other side, saying, "By gosh, I guess mebbe

about the whale that I almost wondered If there might be one, although rom close personal observation I had been unable to discover it. So I did write similar letters to a dozen editors. The results are illuminating. Fifty per cent of them have not replied; why can only be surmised. A few have seen one or more of our normal schools the occasion being from over two to twenty years ago! Their information comes from three sources A friend in whom the editor has confidence (testimony whose value cannot be known without knowing the identity of that friend); a member of the Board of Education (the only evidence mentioned which can be considered reliable, and only mentioned in one case); reports of commission-

ers appointed to investigate.
Suppose Burlington could be told:
"The University of Vermont is Inferfor; unless you provide additional ing stack land and equipment it will be sent Hutchins. to Rutland," Suppose then it exto Rutland." imposed. Rappose, further, that are later it were tolds "Your

nust go. Your work in too. but two years ago, We have this; what would Burlington teel

or suy-or do? Johnson is in just that nitration. She has mot all recommendations of the Commission. She has spent a sum as large in proportion on that mentioned above and that under a piedge from the state that the school would be related until 1923. Her school I have reason to believe efficctent, not stagnant. It can be made theroughly up to dive and sulted for adequate training for typical Ver-

ly than any new city or town. It seems to me entirely unjust to judge a man or a living institution unheard or merely upon old evidence.

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Very truly yours, C. H. Stearns.



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There has been so much talking chard. With this farm goes 7 good cows and team of horses. Price for all \$3500-\$2000 down.-Nash and Hutchins.

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